TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1072 - SB 1046

April 6, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (006503): Requires the Department of Veterans Services (DVS) to establish and administer an honor guard grant program for the purpose of providing grants to veteran service organizations registered with the Secretary of State to offset expenses incurred by such organizations in providing honor guard burial details at the funerals of qualifying Tennessee veterans, including expenses for training, transportation, food, equipment, and supplies. Such grant program funding is subject to appropriations by the General Assembly and gifts, grants, and other donations received by the DVS. Establishes that, subject to availability of funds, the DVS shall allocate and disperse grants each fiscal year to nonprofit veteran service organizations and establish and publish guidelines for applications, prioritization, and the awarding of grants. Establishes that it is the legislative intent that the amount of \$75,000 be appropriated in FY23-24 for the purposes outlined in the proposed legislation.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

Increase State Expenditures - \$75,000/FY23-24

Other Fiscal Impact - The amount and frequency of any state appropriations in FY24-25 and subsequent years for providing grants to veteran service organizations cannot be determined with reasonable certainty.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- This legislation establishes that the intent of this legislation is that \$75,000 be appropriated in FY23-24 for the purposes outlined in this legislation; however, there is no mention of any amount appropriated in subsequent fiscal years.
- There will be an increase in state expenditures of \$75,000 in FY23-24.
- The amount and frequency of any state appropriations in FY24-25 and subsequent years for providing grants to veteran service organizations cannot be determined with reasonable certainty.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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